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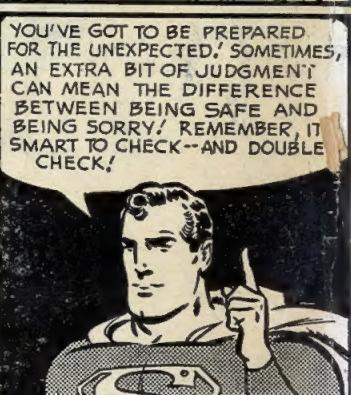
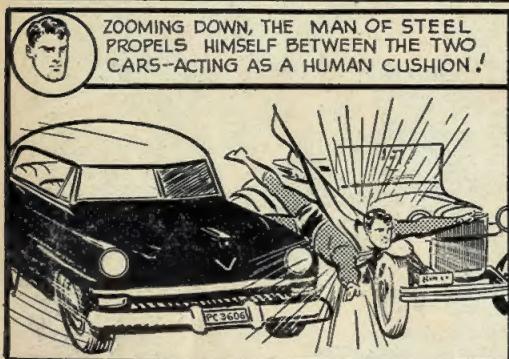


Featuring
"THE
JUNGLE
BATMAN!"



SUPERMAN

"It's Smart to Check-- says: and DOUBLE CHECK!"



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BATMAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW BATMAN WOULD FARE IF HE WERE CUT OFF FROM ALL HIS CRIME-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT... IF THE BATPLANE, THE UTILITY BELT, THE CRIME LAB... IF INDEED EVERYTHING WAS DENIED THE DYNAMIC DUO? HERE'S YOUR ANSWER... IN ONE OF THE MOST AMAZING STORIES EVER TOLD! HERE ARE BATMAN AND ROBIN... STRANDED ON A JUNGLE ISLAND... AN ISLAND FRAUGHT WITH MAN-EATING WILD LIFE... AND THE 'SINISTER 8'... MOST DANGEROUS CRIMINALS IN THE WORLD! HOLD YOUR BREATH AS YOU STRIKE OUT AGAINST TERROR WITH...

"**The JUNGLE BATMAN!**"



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ONE EVENING, AN OBSCURE FREIGHTER QUIETLY SLIPS OUT OF GOTHAM HARBOR...



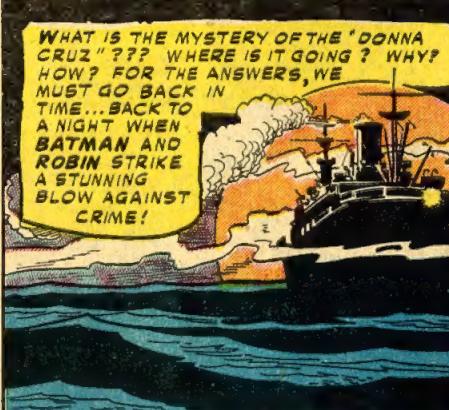
CAN THIS BE BUT A ROUTINE SAILING? ON THE BRIDGE, THE CAPTAIN AND HIS MEN PEER INTENTLY AHEAD, NOT MAKING A MOVE...



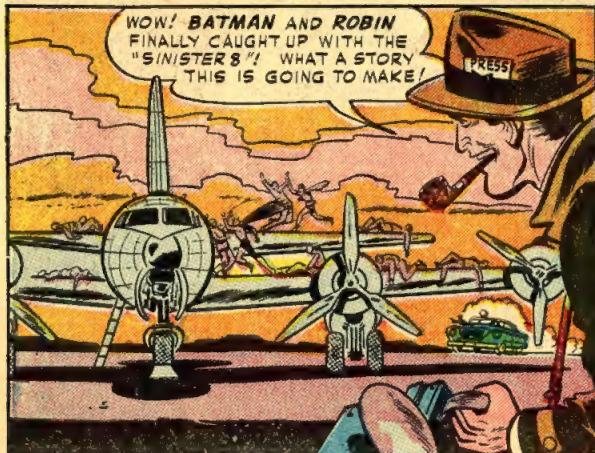
BUT IF ONE WERE TO GET UP VERY CLOSE TO THAT CAPTAIN AND CREW, THIS IS THE STARTLING SIGHT THEY WOULD SEE...



YES!! THESE ARE NOT MEN ... BUT DUMMIES! THIS IS A SHIP.. WITH A PHANTOM CREW!



WOW! BATMAN AND ROBIN FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH THE "SINISTER 8"! WHAT A STORY THIS IS GOING TO MAKE!



THAT DOES IT! THE EIGHT INTERNATIONAL CRIMINALS WHO BROKE OUT OF SATAN'S ISLAND WITH THE HELP OF THE WORLD-WIDE UNDERWORLD! AND NOW THEY'RE CAPTURED AGAIN!



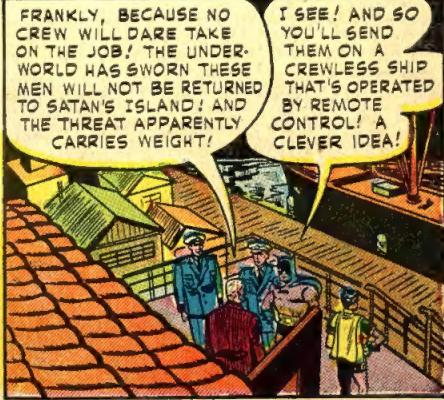
NEXT DAY, AS COMMISSIONER GORDON SUMMONS BATMAN AND ROBIN TO A TOP SECRET OFFICE AT THE GOTHAM CITY NAVY YARD...

THE NAVY HAS CONSENTED TO LOAN US THEIR EXPERIMENTAL RADOK! WE'RE GOING TO USE IT TO DEPORT THE "SINISTER 8"!

A REMOTE-CONTROLLED SHIP?? BUT WHY??

FRANKLY, BECAUSE NO CREW WILL DARE TAKE ON THE JOB! THE UNDER-WORLD HAS SWORN THESE MEN WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO SATAN'S ISLAND! AND THE THREAT APPARENTLY CARRIES WEIGHT!

I SEE! AND SO YOU'LL SEND THEM ON A CREWLESS SHIP THAT'S OPERATED BY REMOTE CONTROL! A CLEVER IDEA!



YOU AND ROBIN WILL BE THE ONLY LAW AND ORDER ON THAT SHIP, BATMAN! THE PRISONERS WILL BE LOCKED IN THE BRIG... YOU'LL GIVE THEM THEIR FOOD AND WATER!

RIGHT! IT'S ABOUT TIME ROBIN AND I TOOK A LITTLE SEA JAUNT!



NEXT DAY, IN THE BAT-CAVE UNDERRAETH THE MANSION OF MILLIONAIRE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

SO THAT'S WHERE SATAN'S ISLAND IS! QUITE A TRIP!

YES! AND NOW LET'S GET INTO OUR BATMAN AND ROBIN COSTUME... AND MEET OUR CARGO OF HUMAN DYNAMITE!



BATMAN



SUDDENLY...

BATMAN... BAH! NO ONE
WILL RETURN US TO SATAN'S
ISLAND! ANYONE WHO TRIES
WILL DIE!

QUIET,
YOU!
GET
BACK
IN
LINE!



LATER, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN BOARD THE
"DONNA CRUZ"...

SHORTLY BEFORE
SAILING TIME, SET UP THE
DUMMIES OF THE CAPTAIN
AND CREW. LET EVERY-
ONE THINK THIS IS JUST
A REGULAR SHIP!

THAT'S RIGHT! IF THE
UNDERWORLD KNEW
THIS WAS TO BE
REMOTE-CONTROLLED
THEY MIGHT
ATTACK THE
NAVAL CONTROL
CENTER!

BON VOYAGE,
BATMAN!
AND BE
CAREFUL!
YOU'VE GOT A
TRICKY CARGO...
AND YOU'RE
RESPONSIBLE
FOR \$1,000,000
WORTH OF SECRET
SCIENTIFIC
EQUIPMENT!

DON'T WORRY,
COMMISSIONER!
WE'LL
HANDLE
IT ALL!



AND THAT EVENING
THE MOST
POWERFUL POLICE
GUARD
IN
GOTHAM CITY
HISTORY ESCORTS
THE
PRISONERS
TO THE
"DONNA CRUZ"!

SO FAR, SO
GOOD, **ROBIN!**
THE POLICE
HAVE GOT
THEM HERE...
NOW THE
REST
IS UP
TO US!

WELL... LET'S
GO DOWN AND
WELCOME
OUR GUESTS...
WITH CHAINS!



SOON AFTER...

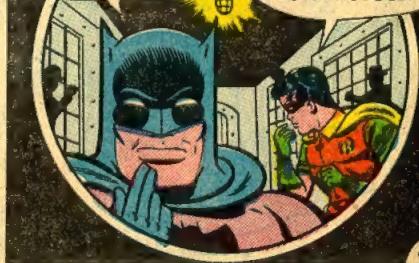
WELL... WE'RE UNDER
WAY! IT'S GOING TO
BE A LONG TRIP SO
YOU MIGHT AS WELL
MAKE YOURSELVES AS
COMFORTABLE AS
YOU CAN!

MERCI, BATMAN!
HEH, HEH! THEES WON'
BE A BAD TREEP AT
ALL! HEH-HEH!



THEY'RE LOCKED
UP SECURELY... THEY
HAVEN'T A CHANCE!
YET STRANGELY,
THEY'RE IN
GOOD SPIRITS!

IT'S AS IF THEY
KNEW SOMETHING
THAT WE DIDN'T!
I'VE GOT A FUNNY
FEELING, **BATMAN...**
THAT WE'RE IN
FOR TROUBLE!



AND A FEW DAYS LATER, AS IF IN ANSWER TO ROBIN'S HUNCH, A SUBMARINE SLIPS IN BEHIND THE "DONNA CRUZ" KNIFING THROUGH CHOPPY, STORM-DRIVEN WATERS!



AH, SOON ONE WELL-PLACED TORPEDO AND BATMAN WILL HAVE TO ABANDON SHIP! THEN WE'LL PICK UP ALL HANDS!

HURD! OUR VALVES ARE SHOT! WE CAN'T SURFACE! OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO TURN FOR HOME... AND EACH MAN TO USE

ESCAPE-HATCH WHEN WE'RE OFF-SHORE!

BUT WE CAN'T TURN BACK! OUR MISSION IS TO FREE THOSE PRISONERS! WE'LL BE KILLED IF WE FAIL!

BUT IF WE CAN'T SURFACE, HOW ARE WE GOING TO PICK THEM UP? I SAY... TURN BACK! BESIDES, THE STORM IS GETTING WORSE!



WAIT! I'VE AN IDEA! WE'RE NEAR THESE SMALL UNINHABITED ISLANDS. THE TIDE'S FAVORABLE... IT WOULD HELP SURVIVORS TO REACH THEM!

I GET IT! WE'LL TORPEDO THE SHIP ANYWAY! THE PRISONERS, ABANDONING SHIP, WOULD BE WASHED UP ON THE ISLANDS! WE'LL COME BACK AND GET THEM!



ALL AT ONCE!



AND A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

BATMAN! A TORPEDO... AIMED SQUARE FOR US! TURN THE SHIP!

BUT WE CAN'T! IT'S REMOTE-CONTROLLED... REMEMBER!



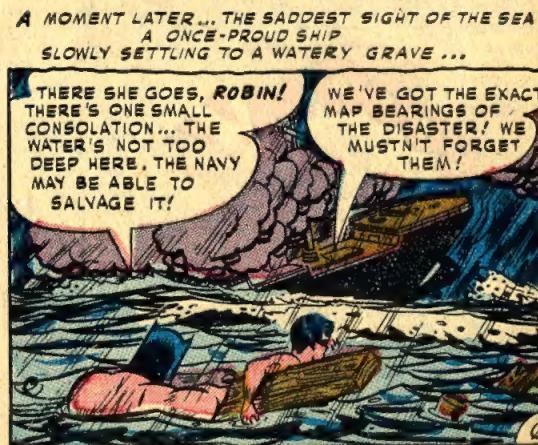
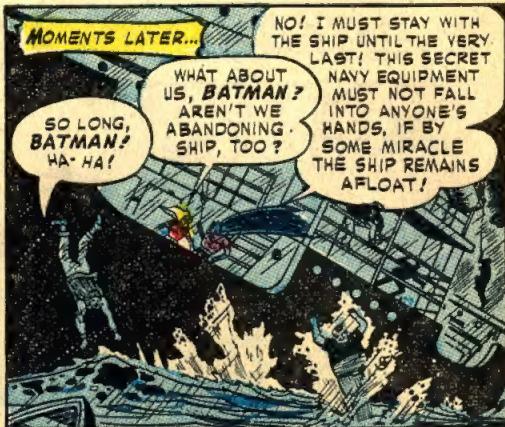
A DIRECT HIT! WHOEVER DID IT KNEW THE BRIG WAS IN THE STERN! THAT'S WHY THEY AIMED FORWARD!

AND THERE GOES OUR RADIO MAST! THEY THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING!

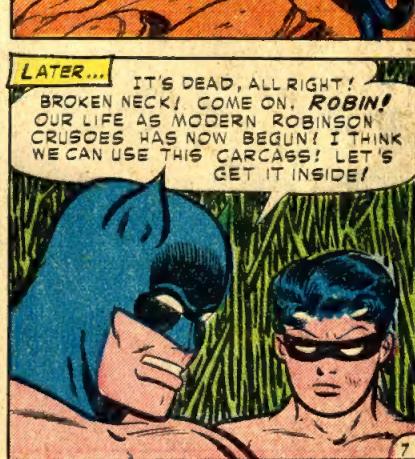
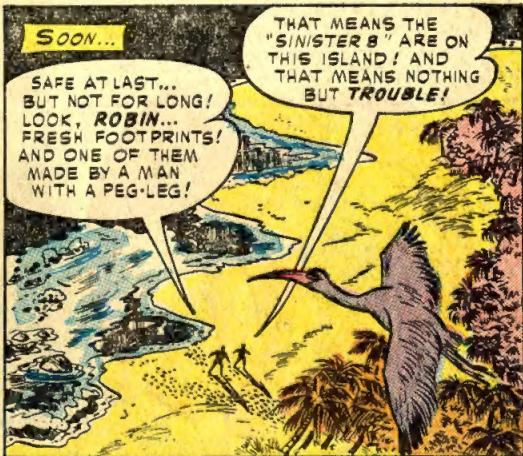


NO TELLING HOW LONG THIS SHIP WILL LAST NOW, ROBIN! WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT, WE'VE GOT TO FREE THE PRISONERS! WE CAN'T LET THEM DIE LIKE TRAPPED RATS!

AND SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, A STRANGE DRAMA UNFOLDS! BATMAN AND ROBIN FORCED BY THEIR RIGID CODE OF ETHICS TO FREE THEIR DEADLY CARGO!



THROUGH THE WILD NIGHT, THE DARING DUO BATTLES THE ELEMENTS! THEN, NEXT MORNING...



A FEW DAYS LATER...

WELL... HERE WE ARE, ROBIN! THIS IS WHAT A JUNGLE BATMAN AND ROBIN LOOK LIKE!



THEN, AS THE FAMED LAWMEN MOVE WITH THE SPEED OF LIGHTNING!

RIGHT NOW, RETREAT IS THE BEST STRATEGY! AND SINCE WE DON'T HAVE OUR SILKEN CORDS... WE'LL USE WHAT THE JUNGLE HAS TO OFFER!



SUDDENLY, THE SHARP CRACK OF A RIFLE...

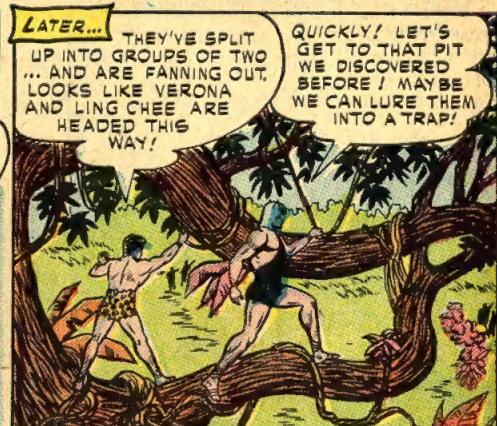
SO, BATMAN! YOU DIDN'T GO DOWN WITH THE SHIP! YOU SHOULD HAVE! BECAUSE NOW YOU'RE GOING TO DIE ANYWAY! HA-HA!



LATER...

THEY'VE SPLIT UP INTO GROUPS OF TWO... AND ARE FANNING OUT. LOOKS LIKE VERONA AND LING CHEE ARE HEADED THIS WAY!

QUICKLY! LET'S GET TO THAT PIT WE DISCOVERED BEFORE! MAYBE WE CAN LURE THEM INTO A TRAP!



IF THEY WALK OVER THIS, THEY'LL SURELY TOPPLE INTO THE PIT. BUT HOW CAN YOU GET THEM TO COME HERE?

ALL I NEED IS A LONG, STRONG PIECE OF VINE! THEN I'LL SHOW YOU A NEAT LITTLE TRICK!



YOU'VE RUN A VINE FROM THE TRAP, OCCASIONALLY KNOTTING IT TO THE BRANCH OF A DEAD TREE! I DON'T GET IT!

YOU WILL! WHEN WE'VE REACHED THE END OF THIS VINE, WE'LL TAKE IT UP INTO A TREE. THEN WATCH WHAT HAPPENS!



SOON AFTER, AS THE TWO CRIMINALS NEAR THE HIDING PLACE OF THE DARING DUO...

HURRY UP!
ME HEAR
THEM AGAIN!
OVER THAT
WAY!

YOU SEE? EACH TIME I YANK THIS VINE, IT CRACKS OFF A DEAD BRANCH! AND EACH TIME, THE NOISE GETS CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE TRAP! IT SOUNDS LIKE SOMEONE BREAKING A TRAIL!

LOOK OUT
A TRAP!

LATER...

THIS WILL KEEP YOU OUT OF HARM'S WAY... UNTIL WE CAN COME BACK AND PICK YOU UP!

ROUND UP ALL THEIR AMMUNITION, ROBIN! I'LL WANT THE GUNPOWDER FROM THE BULLETS!

THEN...

BATMAN! ELEPHANTS ON A RAMPAGE!

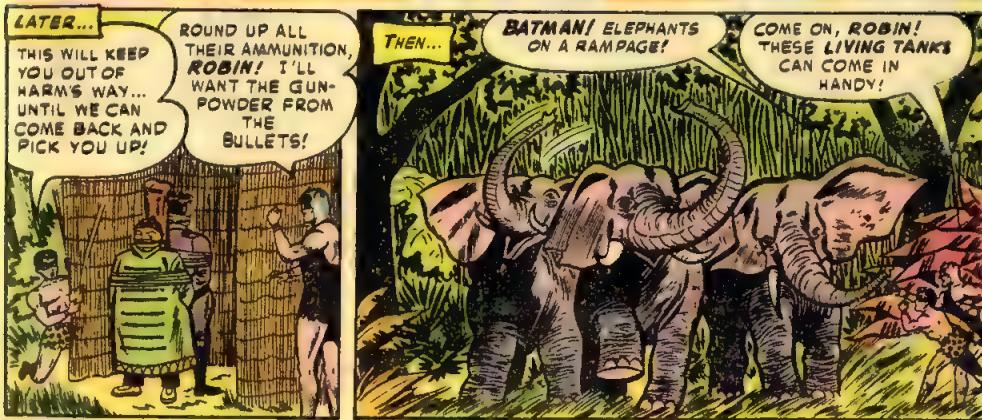
COME ON, ROBIN!
THESE LIVING TANKS CAN COME IN HANDY!

MOMENTS LATER...

THIS ISN'T EXACTLY THE BATMOBILE... BUT IT WILL DO UNTIL SOMETHING BETTER COMES ALONG!

WE'RE HEADED RIGHT FOR SINGH DAN AND THE LIVERPOOL KIDS! WILL THEY GET A SURPRISE?

AN ELEPHANT NEVER FORGETS, KID... AND NEITHER DO WE!



AND AS THE TWO CRIMINALS ATTEMPT TO FLEE THROUGH A FIELD OF ANCIENT STONE CARVINGS ...

THERE THEY ARE!
LET'S CLIMB UP
AFTER THEM!

NO! THESE SAPLINGS
GIVE ME A BETTER
IDEA!

READY, ROBIN! I'M SENDING
YOU SPECIAL DELIVERY!

LET 'ER
GO!

SUDDENLY, BATMAN RELEASES
THE SAPLING, FLINGING
ROBIN THROUGH THE AIR AS A
HUMAN PROJECTILE ...

THAT DOES
IT! NOW LET'S
PUT A CAGE
AROUND THESE
CHARACTERS,
TOO!

GOOD
AIMING, IF I SAY
SO MYSELF! I
ALWAYS WAS GOOD
WITH A SLINGSHOT!

YES! AND
REMIND ME TO
INSPECT THESE
SULPHUR DEPOSITS
I SEE AROUND
HERE!

A HALF HOUR LATER ...

NICE KNIFE
SINGH DAN WAS
CARRYING, SO
THOUGHTFUL OF HIM
TO PROVIDE US WITH
MATCHES, TOO!

STOP
FOOLING
WITH THAT
COCONUT! LOOK...
A SMALL SHIP IS
HEADED RIGHT
FOR THE
ISLAND!

BUT
THEN...

YES... A
SHIP! OUR
SHIP! HA, HA!
WE'VE CAUGHT
YOU JUST IN
TIME!

COME DOWN! WE'D KILL
YOU NOW EXCEPT THAT
WE WANT YOU TO
LEAD US TO THE
ONES YOU
CAPTURED!



BATMAN



HA-HA! LOOK...
BATMAN'S
TRYING TO GET A
DRINK OUT OF
THAT
COCONUT.
LET'S SPOIL
HIS FUN... LET
HIM STAY THIRSTY!
QUI?

YES! BATMAN!
NO MORE OF THE
SIMPLE PLEASURES
FOR YOU! THROW
DOWN THAT
COCONUT!

AND AS BATMAN OBEYS...

YOU ASKED FOR IT! MY
OWN COMBINATION OF GUN-
POWDER AND SULPHUR... A
VERY EFFECTIVE GAS
BOMB! COME ON,
ROBIN... WE CAN GO
DOWN AND ROUND
THEM UP NOW!

WOW! NO UTILITY
BELTS WITH GAS
FELLETS... SO YOU
MAKE A GIANT GAS
PELLET OUT OF A
COCONUT!

BOOM!

SOON AFTER... THE REMAINING FOUR DESPERADOS LEFT
BOUND AND GAGGED...

THAT YACHT IS
DROPPING ANCHOR!
LOOKS LIKE YOU AND
I SHALL BE THE NEW
CREW! READY FOR
A LITTLE UNDER-
WATER SWIM?

RIGHT! WE CAN
SNEAK UP ON
THEM WITHOUT
EVER BEING
DISCOVERED!

SLIPPING AROUND TO A POINT ON SHORE OUT OF VIEW
OF THE YACHT, BATMAN AND ROBIN BEGIN THEIR
LONG SWIM! BUT THEN...

A GIANT OCTOPUS! AND
HE'S GOT ROBIN! IF
I ONLY HAD SOME
SORT OF
WEAPON!!

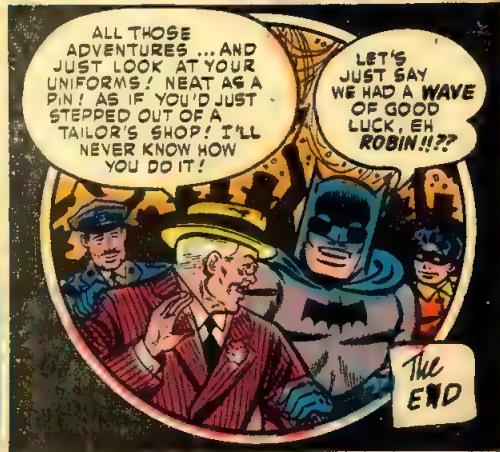
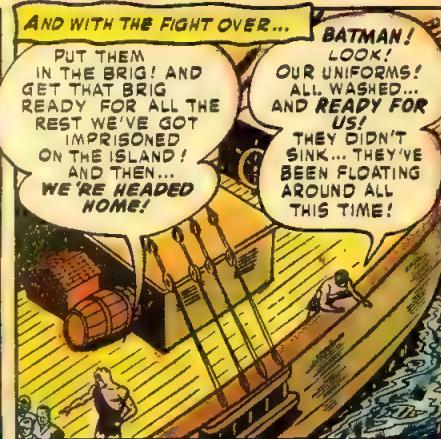
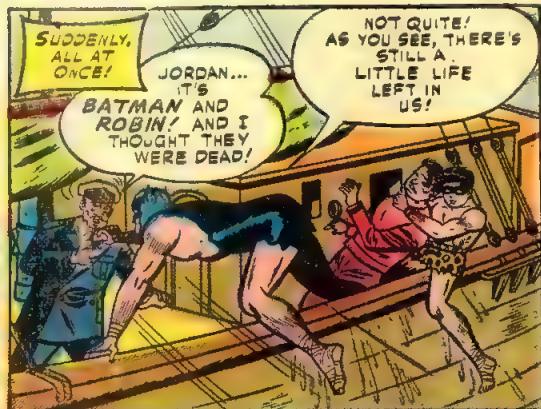
ABRUPTLY, BATMAN'S SHARP
EYES SPOT SOMETHING ON
THE OCEAN FLOOR! A
MOMENT LATER...

NEED ALL MY STRENGTH!
GRUNT! NO EASY TRICK.
TO SMASH A BOTTLE
UNDERWATER! AH!
THERE SHE GOES!

AND THEN, A
WILD AND
FURIOUS BATTLE
TO THE DEATH!

TAKE THAT... AND
THAT... AND THIS!
LOOKS LIKE THAT
DOES IT!

RESTING BRIEFLY TO REGAIN THE R
STRENGTH, THE VALIANT LAWMEN SETOUT
ONCE MORE! AND SOON...



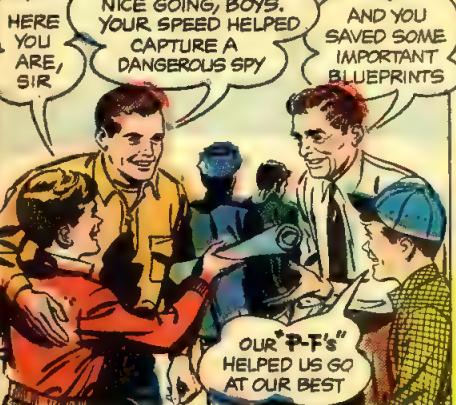


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WHERE IS THE LAST HARBOR OF THE GOOD SHIP "MAYFLOWER"?



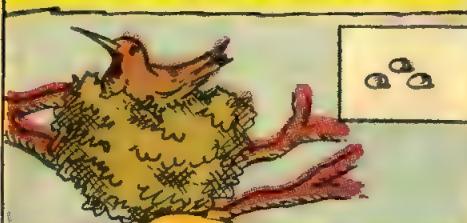
A WEATHER-BEATEN OLD BARN IN ST. GILES, ENGLAND, WAS BUILT OF THE WOOD OF THE MAYFLOWER, WHICH CARRIED THE PILGRIMS TO THE NEW WORLD! IT IS STILL STANDING!

WHY IS A PERSON SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS A STOOL PIGEON?



BECAUSE A STOOL PIGEON IS A PIGEON USED AS A DECOY TO TRAP OTHER PIGEONS. HENCE, THE TERM HAS COME TO SIGNIFY A PERSON WHO ACTS AS A SPY FOR THE POLICE!

WHAT IS THE SIZE OF A HUMMING BIRD'S EGG?



LESS THAN $\frac{1}{2}$ INCH IN DIAMETER!
A NEWLY HATCHED HUMMING BIRD
IS NO LARGER THAN A FLY!

HOW LARGE IS THE PLANET JUPITER?



JUPITER

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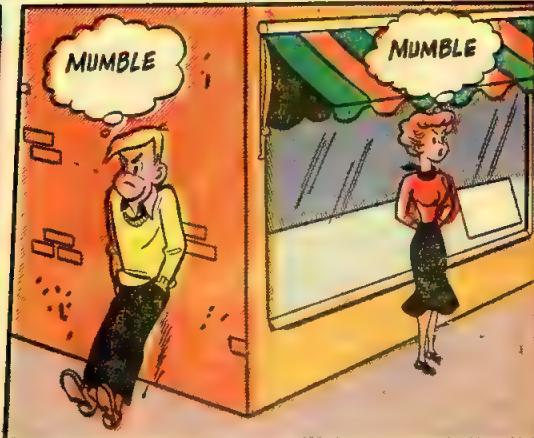
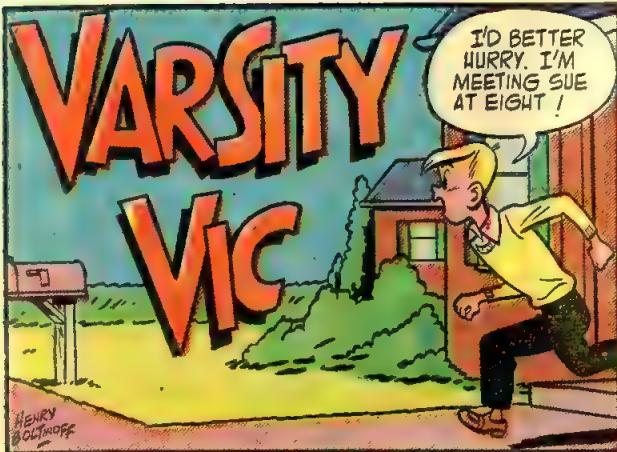


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BATMAN

OH, HELLO, VIC. I'M SUPPOSED TO MEET RONNIE ON THIS CORNER FOR A DATE. HAVE YOU SEEN HIM?

NO, LOIS.

H'YA, SUE, HAS LOIS BEEN HERE? I'M MEETING HER ON THIS CORNER!

JEEPERS!
WHERE CAN
HE BE?

AND SUE
TOO!

IT LOOKS LIKE WE
BOTH GOT A STAND-
UP. HOW ABOUT
YOUR GOING OUT WITH ME?

THEY CAN'T KEEP US
WAITING FOR AN HOUR.
LET'S YOU AND I
GO OUT!

FINE!

SO - NO WONDER YOU DIDN'T
SHOW UP - YOU'RE TWO-
TIMING ME!

THE
END

BAT-MAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

IN EVERY BIG CITY THERE ARE SCORES OF MEN WHOSE FACES THE PUBLIC NEVER SEES... MEN WHOSE DAILY WORK REQUIRES THEM TO SHIELD THEIR FEATURES BEHIND IMPENETRABLE, GROTESQUE MASKS! IN GOTHAM CITY, OF COURSE, THE MOST FAMOUS MASKED FIGURES ARE BATMAN AND ROBIN! BUT WHO ARE THE OTHERS? YOU WILL MEET THEM BEHIND THEIR FANTASTIC

DISGUISES AS THE DARING DUO SEARCHES FOR A DESPERATE CRIMINAL IN THE RANKS OF...

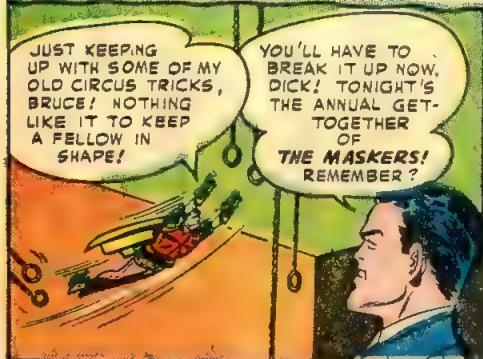
"The **LEGION of FACELESS MEN!**"

by
BOB KANE

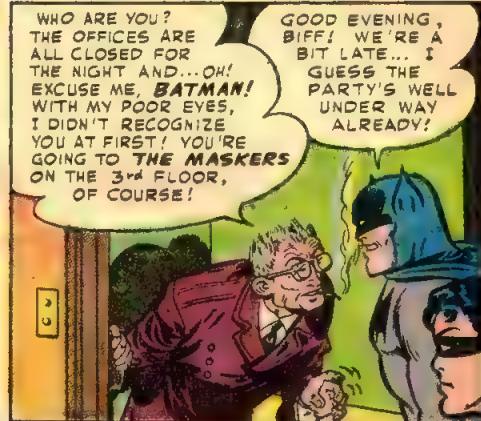


BATMAN

ONE EVENING, IN THE PRIVATE GYMNASIUM AT THE HOME OF WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD DICK GRAYSON...



A SWIFT TRIP ACROSS TOWN IN THE POWERFUL BATMOBILE, AND THEN...



A MOMENT AFTER, THE ELEVATOR DOORS PART TO REVEAL AN AMAZING SCENE...



SVEN! I'D LIKE YOU TO KNOW ROBIN! THIS IS SVEN THORSON, THE FAMOUS DEEP-SEA DIVER!

IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE TO KNOW YOU, MR. THORSON!

NOW THAT PLANES CAN FLY IN THE STRATOSPHERE, PILOTS SOMETIMES WEAR THESE MASKS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST COLD AND TO FEED OXYGEN. THAT'S HOW AN AVIATOR GOT IN THE CLUB, ROBIN!

I KNOW HIM... JIM HENDRIX, THE TEST PILOT!



AND AS THE AFFAIR CONTINUES...

THIS PARTY HAS SURE BEEN FUN, BUT IT'S GETTING LATE, I'D BETTER FIND BATMAN AND GO... OH!



I'M SORRY IF I STARTLED YOU! WE HAVEN'T MET BEFORE! I'M GREGORY MINER! I WEAR A MASK OF THE ANCIENT CHINESE THEATRE IN A SCENE IN MY NEW PLAY...

THAT'S WHY I WAS INVITED TO JOIN THE CLUB!

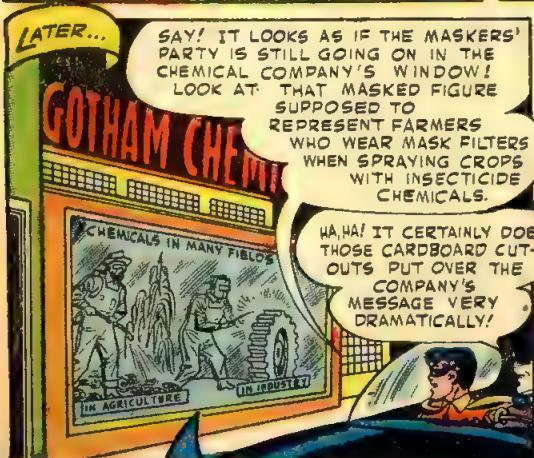
I'M HAPPY TO MEET YOU, MR. MINER!

GEE! THIS IS THE WEIRDEST MASK I'VE SEEN ALL NIGHT!



LATER...

SAY! IT LOOKS AS IF THE MASKERS' PARTY IS STILL GOING ON IN THE CHEMICAL COMPANY'S WINDOW! LOOK AT THAT MASKED FIGURE SUPPOSED TO REPRESENT FARMERS WHO WEAR MASK FILTERS WHEN SPRAYING CROPS WITH INSECTICIDE CHEMICALS.



HA-HA! IT CERTAINLY DOES! THOSE CARDBOARD CUT-OUTS PUT OVER THE COMPANY'S MESSAGE VERY DRAMATICALLY!

WAIT, ROBIN! THERE'S ANOTHER FIGURE WHICH DEFINITELY DOESN'T BELONG IN THE DISPLAY! A FIGURE WHOSE ENTIRE FACE IS MASKED BY THE HELMET OF A KNIGHT IN ARMOR!

I SEE IT! AND IT'S MOVING!



SECONDS AFTER...

THIS CHARACTER IS NO CARDBOARD CUT-OUT! HE'S TAKING ONE OF THE BIG CONTAINERS OF ACID!

BUT AS THE DARING 20TH CENTURY LAWMEN DIVE FOR THE STRANGE FIGURE OUT OF THE MIDDLE AGES...



AND MOMENTS LATER...

THAT STRANGE CHARACTER GOT AWAY, BUT HE TOOK ONLY THAT CONTAINER OF ACID! IT COULDN'T BE WORTH MUCH, BUT IF WE'D FOLLOWED HIM, TONS OF CHEMICALS WOULD HAVE BEEN RUINED BY WATER!

WHAT I CAN'T FIGURE OUT IS HIS COSTUME! WHY WOULD HE GO TO SO MUCH TROUBLE?



SAY! WASN'T THERE SOMEONE AT THE MASKERS' PARTY TONIGHT WEARING A KNIGHT'S HELMET?

YOU'RE RIGHT, ROBIN! GUY LARABEE! HE'S ONE OF THE TWO MEMBERS IN THE CLUB WHO ARE ACTORS! HE'S PLAYING A PART IN A PLAY RIGHT NOW WHICH REQUIRES HIM TO WEAR A KNIGHT'S COSTUME! BUT IT'S RIDICULOUS TO THINK A FAMOUS ACTOR WOULD BE STEALING!

NEXT DAY...

AH, THERE YOU ARE, ROBIN! I'VE BEEN CATALOGUING THESE CRIMES PHOTOS USING WHITE INK WHICH WILL SHOW UP BETTER ON THE DARK PRINTS! ANYTHING NEW ON THE MASKED...

TAKE A LOOK AT THE MORNING PAPERS, BATMAN! THE MEMBERS OF THE MASKERS ARE IN FOR QUITE A SHOCK!



GOTHAM NEWS 5¢
★ MASKED BANDIT STRIKES AFTER MASKERS BALL
DOES STRANGE CLUB HAVE CROOKS AS MEMBERS?

WOW! THE MASKERS' CLUB IS BEING TIED IN WITH THIS CRIME! HMM... PERHAPS WE SHOULD GO OVER THERE!



AND LATER...

LET'S SEE ... THIRD FLOOR! THAT'S WHERE EVERYONE'S GOIN' TODAY... REPORTERS, PHOTOGRAPHERS AND ALL THE MEMBERS ARE ON HAND!

I HOPE THEY GET A STORY THAT WILL RETAIN THE CLUB'S GOOD NAME, BIFF!

BATMAN! IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU! THE COINCIDENCE OF THE CLUB'S ANNUAL PARTY AND A CRIMINAL WEARING A STRANGE MASK ON THE SAME NIGHT IS CAUSING QUITE A COMMOTION!

I'M GUY LARABEE! I WORE A HELMET LIKE THE ONE THE CROOK USED TO MASK HIMSELF! I WANT MY NAME CLEARED!

I'VE CHECKED YOUR ALIBI, MR. LARABEE, AND THOSE OF ALL THE OTHER MASKERS AT THE TIME THAT THE CRIME OCCURRED! ALL OF YOU ARE IN THE CLEAR!

THANKS, COMMISSIONER!

AND THAT EVENING, AS THE TWIN CRIMESMASHERS CRUISE THROUGH THE SLEEPING CITY...

I'M STILL WORRIED ABOUT THE MASKERS CLUB, ROBIN! I WONDER IF THAT CRIMINAL DELIBERATELY PLANNED TO FRAME ONE OF THE MEMBERS! AND IF HE DID, WHY? ALL HE STOLE WAS...

NO TIME TO WORRY NOW, BATMAN! THERE'S THE BAT-SIGNAL! WE'RE WANTED!

A POWERFUL MOTOR ROARS, WHEELS SPIN, AND A MOMENT LATER, IN ANOTHER PART OF GOTHAM CITY...

I THOUGHT YOU'D WANT TO BE ON IN THIS, BATMAN, SO I USED THE PORTABLE BAT-SIGNAL! SOMEONE HAS BROKEN INTO THIS FACTORY WHICH MANUFACTURES SAFES. BUT WHAT COULD THE CROOK WANT? ALL THE SAFES ARE IN THE PLANT ARE EMPTY!

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IN AN INSTANT, THE AGILE PAIR HAVE GAINED THE ROOF AND...

THE POLICE ARE WORKING FROM THE LOWER FLOORS UP! THE CROOK WILL PROBABLY TRY THE ROOF AND...

THERE HE IS, ROBIN! AND LOOK... HE'S WEARING A MASK! THIS TIME A DIVER'S HELMET!

HE'S JUMPED OFF THE REAR OF THE BUILDING WHERE THE RIVER FLOWS! THE WEIGHTS ON HIS DIVER'S COSTUME WILL CARRY HIM RIGHT TO THE BOTTOM!

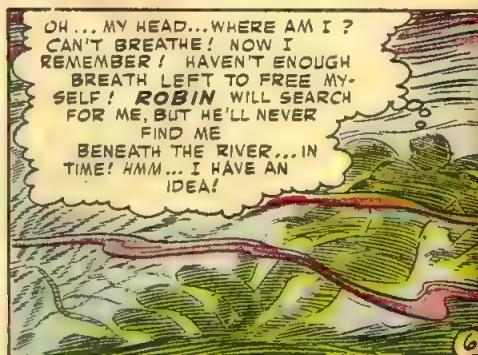
I'M GOING AFTER HIM, ROBIN! I MUST LEARN THE IDENTITY OF THIS CRIMINAL IN THE STRANGE MASKS!



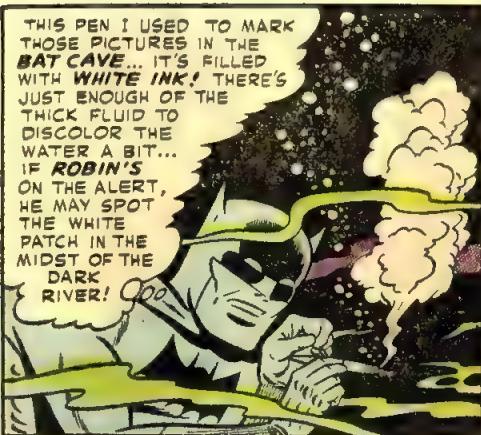
THEN, BENEATH THE RIVER'S MURKY WATERS, TWO MASKED FIGURES MEET IN WEIRD COMBAT...



MOMENTS PASS... MOMENTS WHICH, FOR BATMAN, ARE EVEN DARKER THAN THE WATERS WHICH ENGULF HIM! AND THEN...

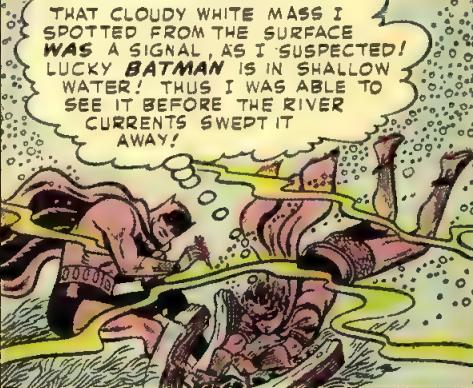


THIS PEN I USED TO MARK THOSE PICTURES IN THE BAT CAVE... IT'S FILLED WITH WHITE INK! THERE'S JUST ENOUGH OF THE THICK FLUID TO DISCOLOR THE WATER A BIT... IF ROBIN'S ON THE ALERT, HE MAY SPOT THE WHITE PATCH IN THE MIDST OF THE DARK RIVER!



AND A MOMENT LATER...

THAT CLOUDY WHITE MASS I SPOTTED FROM THE SURFACE WAS A SIGNAL, AS I SUSPECTED! LUCKY BATMAN IS IN SHALLOW WATER! THUS I WAS ABLE TO SEE IT BEFORE THE RIVER CURRENTS SWEEP IT AWAY!



AFTERWARDS...

TAKE IT EASY, BATMAN! WE'RE COVERING THE SHORE WITH SEARCH-LIGHTS TO TRY TO SPOT THAT BANDIT!

I DON'T GET IT! AT THE CHEMICAL PLANT, HE WORE A HEAVY SUIT OF ARMOR AND TONIGHT A CUMBER-SOME DIVER'S SUIT! WHY?



MEANWHILE, BENEATH A WATERFRONT PIER...

LAST NIGHT I GOT THE ACID AND TONIGHT... ANOTHER STEP ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS... THIS BLOCK OF EXTRA HARD STEEL!



AND IN THE NIGHTS WHICH FOLLOW, A WHOLE SERIES OF EERIE FACES APPEARS TO HAUNT THE GOTHAM CITY NIGHT...

EEEEEK!
IT'S THE MASKED BANDIT!





AND IN THE
BAT-CAVE,
SOME DAYS
LATER...

THESE ARE DUPLICATES
OF THE COSTUMES THE
BANDIT HAS WORN,
ROBIN! EACH NIGHT
A NEW CRIME AND A
DIFFERENT
COSTUME!



KNIGHT'S ARMOR

DIVER'S
OUTFITCHINESE THEATRE
MASKSOLDIER'S ARCTIC
MASK

WELDER'S MASK

WHAT PUZZLES ME IS WHY A CROOK
WOULD WEAR OUTFITS WHICH NOT ONLY
SLOW HIM DOWN, BUT ATTRACT ATTENTION AND
THUS MAKE HIS CRIME MORE DIFFICULT!

AND THAT'S ONLY
PART OF THE MYSTERY!
THE THINGS HE'S
STOLEN, **BATMAN!**
A POWERFUL ACID...
A BLOCK OF STEEL...
SOME DIE-CUTTER'S
TOOLS... AND A DRUM
OF PRINTER'S
INK!

HMM ... AN
INTERESTING PATTERN!
AND IF HE'S UP TO
WHAT I THINK, THERE'S
JUST ONE ITEM MISSING!
COME ON, **ROBIN!** I
BELIEVE OUR FRIEND
WILL BE SHOWING OFF
ANOTHER COSTUME
TONIGHT!

AFTERWARDS...

THIS TRIP ACROSS
THE ROOFTOPS IS
TAKING US RIGHT
PAST THE MASKERS'
CLUB! BUT WON'T
YOU TELL ME OUR
DESTINATION,
BATMAN?

I FIGURE THERE'S
ONLY ONE THING THE
CRIMINAL COULD BE
AFTER **ROBIN**, AND
THAT'S ... WAIT!
SOMEONE ENTERING
THE MASKERS' CLUB!
WONDER WHY, AT
THIS HOUR?



A SWIFT DESCENT, AND THEN...

I'M SORRY, MR. PARDO!
BUT YOU KNOW YOU'VE
BEEN BARRED FROM THE
MASKERS CLUB! I'D
LOSE MY JOB IF I LET
YOU GO UP!

BUT, BIFF!
I ONLY WANT
TO GET MY
FENCING MASK
AND FOILS!



OH, IT'S YOU, **BATMAN**!
I GUESS YOU KNOW WHY
I HAD TO BE SO FIRM
WITH THAT GENTLEMAN!
HE'S JOSEPH PARDO,
THE GREAT FENCER!
HE'S NEVER GOTTEN
OVER BEING EXPELLED
FROM THE CLUB!

YES, I RECALL!
HE USED HIS
MEMBERSHIP
TO GET PUBLICITY
FOR HIS FENCING
MATCHES ... THAT
SORT OF THING
IS BANNED IN THE
RULES!





BATMAN



PRESENTLY...

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PRINTERS OF FINE EDITIONS

IF MY HUNCH IS RIGHT, THE CRIMINAL, WHOEVER HE MAY BE, SHOULD MAKE AN APPEARANCE HERE... PERHAPS TONIGHT!



BUT WHY WOULD HE COME HERE? ... TO A PLACE NOTED FOR PRINTING THE MOST EXPENSIVE EDITIONS OF FAMOUS BOOKS?

BECAUSE IF HE'S UP TO WHAT I THINK, THIS IS ONE OF THE FEW PLACES WHERE HE CAN GET A SUPPLY OF... ROBIN!

LOOK! THE FACE IN THAT WINDOW!

YOU WERE RIGHT, BATMAN! THE MASKED BANDIT DID SHOW UP! AND TONIGHT HE'S WEARING A WITCH DOCTOR'S MASK!

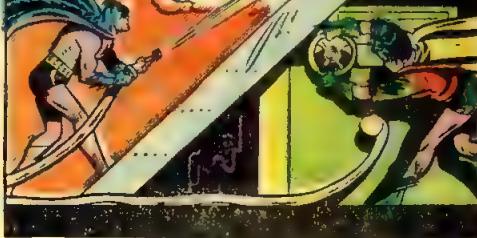


INSTANTLY, THE DARING DUO EXPLODES INTO ACTION BUT...

HOLD IT, ROBIN! HE'S STARTED THE BURNER ON THE MACHINE WHICH SUPPLIES LEAD FOR THE TYPE MOLDS! WE'LL BE BATHED IN LIQUID METAL!

SPLASHES

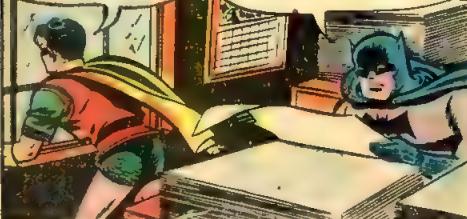
THIS WILL COOL IT IN A MOMENT... BUT I HOPE IT DOESN'T GIVE OUR VILLAIN TIME TO ESCAPE!



MOMENTS AFTER...

THOSE FEW MINUTES WERE ALL HE NEEDED, BATMAN! THERE'S NOT A SIGN OF THE MASKED BANDIT ANYWHERE!

BUT OUR ARRIVAL PREVENTED HIM FROM TAKING WHAT HE WAS AFTER... THESE STACKS OF THE FINEST QUALITY PAPER OBTAINABLE HAVEN'T BEEN TOUCHED!



LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE...

NOW, DO YOU GET IT, ROBIN? HE STOLE POWERFUL ACID AND DIE CUTTER'S TOOLS... THEN A BLOCK OF SUPER-HARD STEEL, AND A QUANTITY OF RARE INKS! AND TONIGHT HE TRIED TO TAKE THE FINEST QUALITY PAPER AVAILABLE! IT ADDS UP TO JUST ONE THING!



OF COURSE... COUNTERFEITING! STEEL FOR THE PLATE FROM WHICH TO PRINT PHONEY BILLS AND ACID AND TOOLS FOR ETCHING THE DESIGN. AND THE VERY FINE PAPER MIGHT PASS AS THE KIND ON WHICH THE GOVERNMENT PRINTS MONEY! BUT HE'S STILL WITHOUT THE LAST ITEM!

AND WE'RE STILL WITHOUT THE COUNTERFEITER'S IDENTITY!

WHAT GETS ME IS WHY HE WEARS THE GARISH COSTUMES! THEY ONLY ATTRACT ATTENTION TO HIS DEEDS!

IF WE KNEW THAT, ROBIN, WE MIGHT KNOW THE NAME OF THE GUILTY PARTY!

SEVERAL NIGHTS LATER...

THREE NIGHTS IN A ROW WE'VE BEEN WATCHING THIS PLACE, BATMAN! DO YOU STILL THINK THE BANDIT WILL RETURN?

I ASKED COMMISSIONER GORDON NOT TO PUT A GUARD AROUND IT, ROBIN! IF THE CRIMINAL COMES BY, HE'LL FIGURE THE POLICE DON'T EXPECT HIM TO STRIKE TWICE IN THE SAME PLACE... SO HE'LL DO JUST THAT!

SUDDENLY...

QUICK, BATMAN! A MAN IN A FENCER'S COSTUME!

TONIGHT WE'LL GET HIM BEFORE HE ENTERS... THERE'LL BE NO CHANCE FOR TRICKS OUT ON THE STREET!



HE'S SPOTTED US, BATMAN! BUT INSTEAD OF RUNNING AWAY, HE'S SMASHING THE WINDOW!

BUT JUST AS THE RACING LAWMEN CATCH UP WITH THE MAN IN THE FENCER'S MASK, HE SUDDENLY WHIRLS AND...

AH, HA! PERHAPS YOU WOULD LIKE TO DUEL!

LOOK OUT, BATMAN! THAT JAGGED PIECE OF GLASS IS LIKE A MAMMOTH SWORD!





WITH HIS "SWORD" NOW REDUCED TO A GLASS DAGGER, THE MASKED FENCER MAKES A LAST, DESPERATE THRUST...



BATMAN

IN ALL GOTHAM CITY THERE ARE NOT MORE THAN THREE MEN WITH THICK GLASSES LIKE YOURS, BIFF! IF YOU HAD BEEN SPOTTED, POLICE COULD EASILY HAVE LEARNED YOUR IDENTITY BY CHECKING THE VARIOUS OPTOMETRISTS! AND SINCE YOU CAN'T SEE WITHOUT THEM, YOU HAD TO HIDE THEM WITH A MASK WHEN COMMITTING CRIMES!

I GUessed THE REASON FOR THE MASK WHEN I HIT THE THIEF A LIGHT BLOW AND HE RAN AS IF BLIND! WHAT HAPPENED WAS THAT HIS GLASSES WERE KNOCKED OFF INSIDE HIS MASK AND...

BIFF'S LOCKED THE DOOR! WE'RE TRAPPED AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS ELEVATOR SHAFT, BATMAN! AND NOW HE'S LOWERING THE CAR DOWN ON US... WE'LL BE CRUSHED!

ALL RIGHT! I AM THE MASKED BANDIT! BUT YOU WON'T LIVE TO PROVE IT!

THIS LADDER USED BY ELEVATOR REPAIR MEN! IF WE WEDGE IT BETWEEN THE BOTTOM OF THE ELEVATOR CAR AND THE DOOR HANDLE...

I GET IT, BATMAN! THE LOWERING ELEVATOR CAN BE MADE TO WORK FOR US!

IN AN INSTANT...

IT WORKED! THE PRESSURE OF THE ELEVATOR ON THE LADDER, BROKE OPEN THE DOOR! NOW TO GET BIFF!

AND AFTERWARDS...

IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR YOU, BATMAN, I'D BE PRINTING TEN DOLLAR BILLS! I BUILT THIS PRESS MYSELF! I DIDN'T WANT TO RISK HAVING THE PARTS TRACED TO ME THROUGH STORES... THAT'S WHY I STOLE THEM!

AND THE MASKERS' CLUB GAVE YOU THE IDEA FOR FANTASTIC COSTUMES... THEY HID YOUR GLASSES AND PUT SUSPICION ON THE MEMBERS!

AND LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE...

PARDO EXPLAINED THAT HE RAN BECAUSE HE THOUGHT WE WERE AFTER HIM! IT SEEMS HE WENT INTO THE MASKERS' CLUB TO RETRIEVE HIS FENCING EQUIPMENT WHEN BIFF WASN'T IN HIS ELEVATOR CAGE!

THE STATE IS GIVING BIFF A NEW CAGE... BUT THE ONE IN PRISON DOESN'T GO UP AND DOWN!



PRIVATE PETE

BEING BUGLER IS AWFUL--
I'VE GOT TO BE UP FIRST
TO WAKE UP EVERYONE ELSE.

HENRY
BOLSTROM

JOHNSON, HERE, WILL TAKE
OVER TOMORROW!

OH BOY-GOOD!
NOW I CAN
SLEEP LATER!

PRIVATE PETE, YOUR PLAYING HAS
BEEN SORRY LATELY--SO I'M TURNING
THE JOB AS BUGLER OVER TO
SOMEONE ELSE!

OH NO-JOHNSON IS A HEAVY SLEEPER.
SO YOUR JOB IS TO WAKE HIM UP.
YOU GET UP A HALF-HOUR
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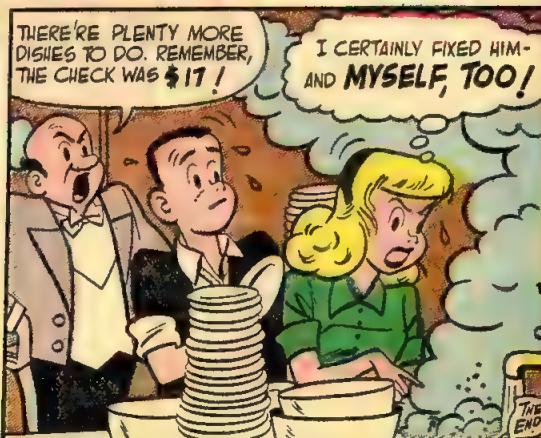
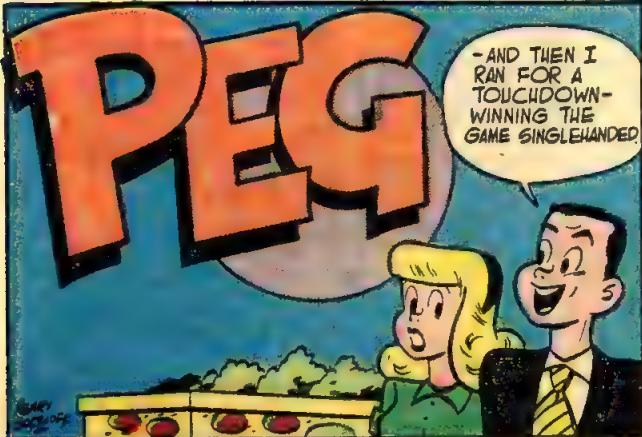
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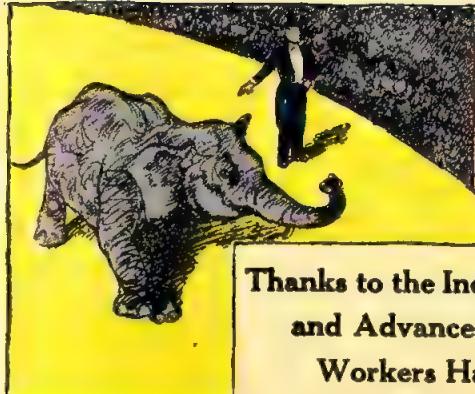
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CHANGING STYLES IN MAGIC

Thanks to the Increased Wariness of the Audience
and Advance in Science, Today's Wonder-
Workers Have Changed Their Methods

WE are in the Hippodrome—New York's famous old showplace. Harry Houdini, one of the world's greatest magicians, is on the stage. With him is a five-ton elephant. Houdini gestures—and the elephant disappears!

Of course it was all done with mirrors and trapdoors. It takes a lot of apparatus to make an elephant disappear. But that's what professional magicians used back around 1920.

Today, magicians depend more upon their own cleverness than upon apparatus. They do rope tricks and they bring chicks out of your pockets. They work close to the audience, for they know that people would rather be IN a small show than just SEE a large one. In today's show, everybody gets into the act.

But just a few decades ago, things were different. The Great Thurston was touring with three carloads of equipment and 35 assistants. (His specialty was making an auto or a horse and rider disappear with a pistol shot). And a "Sawing a Woman in Half" act was so popular that there were several companies on the road at one time.

Houdini needed a large tank to put on another of his acts, which was probably his most famous. This tank was called the "Chinese water cell." The cell was a metal-lined mahogany tank with a front of plate glass. Houdini's feet were fastened by stocks, a board which had half-holes for his

feet in two sections which could be padlocked together.

The tank was filled with water, into which Houdini was lowered head first. The cover was then put on, padlocked, and the whole outfit placed in a curtained cabinet. Within two minutes, by his own efforts, Houdini escaped!

In another act, very much like this, he was tied up with chains and placed in a box which was locked, tied with ropes, and weighted. The box was dumped overboard from a boat, but Houdini never failed to escape underwater from the box and swim back to the boat.

Tricks like that were the kind that used to amuse them back in the 1920's. But people today are smarter than they used to be, or at least they've caught on to more of the magician's tricks. For they know that tricks on a stage can usually be explained by special lighting effects or by the fact that you can't see small objects such as threads used to lift cards, etc.) from a distance.

So the wonder-workers of today go right down into their audience. People who are not especially impressed when they see a conjurer change one person into another with a puff of smoke on a stage are flabbergasted when a dime changes into a nickel in their fists.

Even the famous old trick of pulling a rabbit out of a top hat has gone out of style. For today the top hat is seldom worn,

and the trick just doesn't seem as good with any other kind of hat. Another reason is that most magicians travel light today, and a rabbit would be a real inconvenience.

One magician, however, promised a group of friends to put on a show which would include the rabbit trick. The problem, of course, was to keep the rabbit hidden until it was to appear. The magician arrived empty-handed at his friend's home, and a maid opened the door and let him in. But he had not counted on two small dogs which smelled the rabbit he had hidden on him.

The two pups leaped up from a corner of the entrance hall barking loudly, and started circling him. But before anything more embarrassing could happen, they were called off. "Fortunately," says the magician in telling the story, "they were not pointers."

Today's magicians need skill and a knowledge of the workings of the audience's mind more than a lot of equipment. Skill, of course, is necessary in order to be able to do the tricks successfully. Acquiring this skill takes a great deal of practice and concentration. It's no easy matter, for example, to produce a coin seemingly out of the thin air; such a trick often takes many, many hours of rehearsal.

A knowledge of the workings of the audience's mind is most important. Magicians must know how to distract the attention of the spectators from the hand that is doing the trick. Pointing to something else won't do any good, for then the audience will watch all the harder to see why the magician is trying to make them look away. Sometimes using his free hand to cover his mouth while coughing, or dropping something on the floor on purpose, will distract the audience long enough for him to do the secret part of the trick.

It's interesting to discover that both stage and close-up magic are based on the same principles. The only difference between the two is the scale on which they are done. Old-type magic was done on a large scale;

today's magic is smaller but closer. Thurston, for example, once floated a human being in air; if he were alive and up-to-date today, he would float a flaming match in the face of one of his spectators.

Or Houdini would appear to walk through a brick wall. Today, the magician seems to push a pocket knife through a spectator's coat without tearing it. The two tricks LOOK very different, but actually the principle of penetration is the same in both. The only difference is in size of the objects used.

What is the reason for the switch-over from the old to the new? The main reason seems to be the advance of science. Few stage illusions can compete with the wonders accomplished every day by scientists. Making a five-ton elephant disappear cannot even come close to a movie of an atom bomb explosion. And so what if a clever magician can produce five men from a box only big enough for one? Sitting in front of your television set, you can produce not only as many men as you want, but also ball games, movies, and so forth. What magician can do this?

A good example of the new trend away from giant illusions is Sorcar of India. Back home, he has a large traveling show, complete with many assistants and much apparatus. He came here to see the latest in large illusions.

But at the meetings of magicians which he attended, he was disappointed. Not one large illusion did he witness. Instead, he watched clever, close-up tricks being performed by masters. In the end, he was won over. When it came his turn to perform for his fellow magicians, he walked out onto a stage that was bare instead of being filled by boxes, tables, wands, and so forth.

Then Sorcar had his eyes blindfolded, and unable to see, he drew on one blackboard what members of the audience were drawing on another. His only apparatus was a piece of chalk—and his own cleverness. Sorcar had learned a new style, and back to an ancient land he took a modern magic.

—Donald King

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TOO!

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HMM - I'VE
GOT IT
ALREADY!

TIME'S UP! NOW I'LL PICK
THE WINNER!

LOOK! I'LL WIN
AT MINE WITH
MY IDEA.
THIS ONE -

SIS IS THE WINNER! AND
HER PRIZE IS A WHOLE
BOX OF DUBBLE
BUBBLE!

FLEER'S IS A GOOD
IDEA EVERY TIME.
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WON THE PRIZE!

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YOU CAN'T BEAT
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WHAT TO DO IF POLIO COMES YOUR WAY

Keep children with their own friends. Keep them away from people they have not been with right along, especially in close, daily living. Many people have polio infection without showing signs of sickness. Without knowing it, they can pass the infection on to others.

Try not to get overtired by work, hard play or travel. If you already have the polio infection in your body being very tired may bring on serious polio.

Keep from getting chilled. Don't bathe or swim too long in cold water. Take off wet clothes at once. Chilling can lessen your body's protection against polio.

Keep clean. Wash hands carefully before eating and always after using the toilet. Hands may carry polio infection into the body through the mouth. Also keep food clean and covered.

WATCH FOR EARLY SIGNS OF SICKNESS

Polio starts in different ways—with headache, sore throat, upset stomach or fever. Persons coming down with polio may also feel nervous, cross or dizzy. They may have trouble in swallowing or breathing. Often there is a stiff neck and back.

ACT QUICKLY—CALL YOUR DOCTOR AT ONCE

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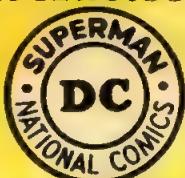
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**"The DEATH-CHEATERS
OF GOTHAM CITY!"**

ONE NIGHT, A STRANGE NEW CLUB CONVENES IN GOTHAM CITY...

A CLUB COMPOSED OF "DEAD" MEN!

WE LIVE AGAIN

JOHN GRANT - DIED JUNE 8, 1938
JEFF SIEVERS - DIED FEB. 3, 1940
HACK DAWES - DIED AUG. 11, 1945
TOM WEAVER - DIED JAN. 11, 1950
STANLEY DUFF - DIED FEB. 6, 1951
JIM SAWYER - DIED FEB. 8, 1951
GREGORY ORRICK - DIED MARCH 9, 1951

GENTLEMEN! THE FIRST MEETING OF THE DEATH-CHEATERS' CLUB WILL NOW COME TO ORDER.

YES... DEATH-CHEATERS! THESE ARE MEN LIVING ON BORROWED TIME -- EACH OF THEM ONCE ACTUALLY DIED... BUT WAS LATER BROUGHT BACK MIRACULOUSLY TO LIFE! AND HERE THEY ARE...



CASE #1-- JOHN HEDGES GRANT, SPORTSMAN--ATTACKED BY COBRA, JUNE 11, 1938--PRONOUNCED DEAD BY EXPEDITION DOCTOR--REVIVED 11 MINUTES LATER BY INJECTION OF NATIVE SERUM!

CASE #2-- JEFF SIEVERS, ACCOUNTANT-- EPILEPSY VICTIM, SUFFERED ATTACK DURING GOLF GAME IN 1940-- PRONOUNCED LEGALLY DEAD BY CLUB PHYSICIAN--REVIVED, UN-AIDED, 20 MINUTES LATER!



CASE #3-- HACK DAWES, TRUCK DRIVER-- STRUCK BY LIGHTNING, AUG. 11, 1945-- HEART STOPPED, PRONOUNCED DEAD-- REVIVED BY PUL-MOTOR 23 MINUTES LATER!



TOM WEAVER
WRITER--
DROWNED!



STANLEY DUFF.
BANKER-- GASSSED!



GREGORY ORRICK,
ACTOR-- POISONED!

JIM SAWYER
STEVEDORE--
ELECTROCUTED

AND THESE ARE OTHER MEMBERS, BROUGHT BACK FROM "DEATH" BY THE WIZARDRY OF MODERN SCIENCE!

YES--A BIZARRE CLUB, OFF TO A GOOD START--UNMINDFUL OF THE BIZARRE FATE THAT AWAITS IT!

WEAVER-- DIED JAN. 11, 1940
DUFF-- DIED FEB. 6, 1951
SAWYER-- DIED FEB. 8, 1951
ORRICK-- DIED MAR. 9, 1951

WELL, GENTLEMEN, OUR FIRST MEETING -- REALLY JUST A GET-TOGETHER -- HAS BEEN A COMPLETE SUCCESS! WE'LL MEET REGULARLY FROM NOW ON!



BATMAN

A FEW EVENINGS LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE UNDER THE HOME OF MILLIONAIRE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON ...

YOU'RE RIGHT, BRUCE -- THOSE WING MODIFICATIONS CERTAINLY IMPROVE THE JET PERFORMANCE OF THE BATPLANE!

YES -- WE'LL MAKE THE CHANGES AT ONCE ...



SUDDENLY A RED LIGHT BLINKS RAPIDLY ON A NEARBY WALL / PANEL!

OH-OH! OUR RECEPTOR BEAMS HAVE PICKED UP THE BAT-SIGNAL!

THIS IS ONE TIME WHEN A RED LIGHT MEANS GO -- FOR BATMAN AND ROBIN!



IN A MOMENT, THE BOY AND MAN HAVE MADE A COMPLETE TRANSFORMATION -- STREAKING TOWARD POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN THE AWESOME GARB OF BATMAN AND ROBIN!

GANG WAR! BATMAN! ATOP THE REINICH BREWERY. GET OVER THERE RIGHT AWAY!

YOU HEARD THE MAN, ROBIN! LET'S GO!



MOMENTS LATER...



BATMAN

LATER, AT MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL...

"WE'VE REMOVED THE SLUGS--BUT TOO LATE! HIS HEART STOPPED--LITTLE DOUGY IS DEAD!"

HMM--AND HE WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON ONLY YESTERDAY. HIS FREEDOM WAS SHORT-LIVED!

DOCTOR--WE'VE STILL GOT A ONE-IN-A-MILLION CHANCE! I'D LIKE TO TRY A **HEART-MASSAGE!**

GO AHEAD, SON! NURSE, LEND A HAND HERE!



AND SOON AFTER...

"IT WORKED! HIS PULSE-BEAT IS BACK--WEAK, BUT STEADY!"

A MIRACLE! I'VE HEARD ABOUT SUCH CASES--BUT I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE ONE!

IMAGINE! A MAN LEGALLY AND OFFICIALLY **PRONOUNCED DEAD**, AND TEN MINUTES LATER, HE COMES BACK TO THE LIVING!



AND A FEW MORNINGS LATER, WITH THE PATIENT ALMOST FULLY RECOVERED...

YOU SURE ARE **LUCKY**, DOUGY! THINK OF IT. YOU WAS **ACTUALLY** DEAD! AND HERE YOU ARE, ALIVE AND KICKIN'!!

YEAH--AND MY LUCK'S STILL HOLDIN'. LOOK AT THIS! SEEMS LIKE I'M ELIGIBLE FOR A LOAD OF DOUGH!



SAY! YOU'RE RIGHT, DOUGY, YOU KIN JOIN THAT CLUB.

AND THAT'S JUST WHAT I'M GONNA DO--SOON AS I CHECK OUTA THIS HOSPITAL.



GOTHAM NEWS

HOLLYWOOD NEGOTIATING FOR STORY OF GOTHAM CITY'S "DEATH-CHEATERS" CLUB
UNIQUE ORGANIZATION, OPEN ONLY TO MEN WHO ACTUALLY "DIED" AND WERE THEN BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE, HAS BEEN OFFERED \$100,000 FOR MOVIE RIGHTS. MEMBERS TO SHARE EQUALLY.

BATMAN



BUT A FEW DAY LATER...

I'M SORRY, LITTLE DOUGY--BUT OUR DECISION IS FINAL! YOUR APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN UNANIMOUSLY TURNED DOWN!

BUT THAT AIN'T RIGHT! I QUALIFY FOR THIS CLUB! I WAS LIKE THE REST OF YA!

YOU HAVE A LONG CRIMINAL RECORD! WE CAN'T TAKE CHANCES. UNTIL WE SEE THAT YOU'RE GOING STRAIGHT, YOU CANNOT JOIN!

I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS. YOU'RE CHEATING ME OUT OF REAL DOUGH; AND NOBODY CHEATS LITTLE DOUGY!



THEN, NEXT DAY, STUNNING DISASTER STRIKES!

HELP! MR. GRANT--HE'S DEAD! AND THERE'S A DEADLY COBRA LOOSE IN THERE!



AND LATER, WHEN POLICE ARRIVE...

HMM--IT'S MURDER, ALL RIGHT. JUST LOOK AT THIS NOTE. THAT SNAKE POISONED HIM--BUT THIS TIME NO ONE WAS AROUND TO ADMINISTER AN ANTIDOTE IN TIME TO REVIVE HIM.

You cheated Death, too, Grant. just as you cheated me! But you won't cheat us twice!



AND SCARCELY SIX HOURS LATER, IN THE HOME OF JEFF SIEVERS...

HE'S DEAD, ALL RIGHT! VICTIM OF AN EPILEPTIC FIT--OBVIOUSLY BROUGHT ON BY THE TERRIFIC STRUGGLE HE HAD WITH SOMEONE!

THAT SOMEONE LEFT ANOTHER ONE OF THESE DEATH NOTES! I'D BETTER GET RIGHT TO COMMISSIONER GORDON!



LATER...

A GRISLY BUSINESS, THIS! SOMEONE'S RE-CREATING THE WAY THESE MEN ORIGINALLY "DIED"--BUT THIS TIME THE DEATHS ARE PERMANENT.

I'VE SPOKEN TO THE OTHER CLUB MEMBERS. FROM WHAT THEY TELL ME, LITTLE DOUGY IS OUR MAN! BATMAN--GET ON THIS CASE AT ONCE!



BATMAN



FIRST GRANT, THEN SIEVERS! WHY DID DOUGY PICK ON THEM FIRST?

WELL, GRANT WAS HEAD MAN--AND SIEVERS WAS HIS CLOSEST FRIEND--HANDLED ALL HIS FINANCES...



SUDDENLY! 'BATMAN! HELP ME--HELP ME!' I'M MRS. DAWES! THIS NOTE JUST CAME TO MY HUSBAND, BUT HE HAD ALREADY LEFT IN THE TRUCK! OH, SAVE HIM, BATMAN!

HACK DAWES' WIFE! LET'S SEE THAT NOTE!



BUT DAWES WAS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING! AND THERE'S NO ELECTRIC STORM AROUND AT ALL! THE ORIGINAL DEATH-SCENE CAN'T BE RE-STAGED!

NEVER SAY CAN'T, ROBIN! COME ON--WE'RE GOING TO DAWES' TRUCKING COMPANY OFFICES, AND EVERY MOMENT COUNTS!



SOON AFTER...

HERE'S WHAT YOU ASKED FOR, BATMAN. THE DOTTED LINE REPRESENTS DAWES' ROUTE. IT'S A REGULAR RUN HE MAKES TWICE A MONTH...

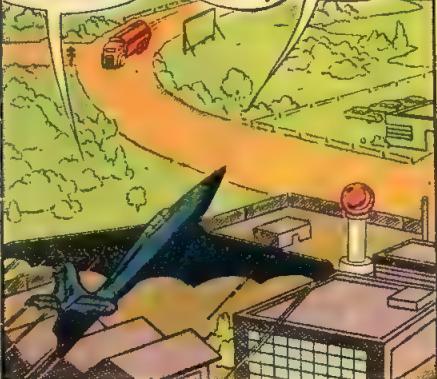
JUST AS I THOUGHT! HIS ROUTE LEADS RIGHT PAST THE GOTHAM ELECTRIC LABORATORIES--WHERE MAN-MADE LIGHTNING IS EASILY ACCOMPLISHED!



MOMENTS LATER, THE DARING DUO TAKES TO THE AIR IN THE BATPLANE, AND THEN...

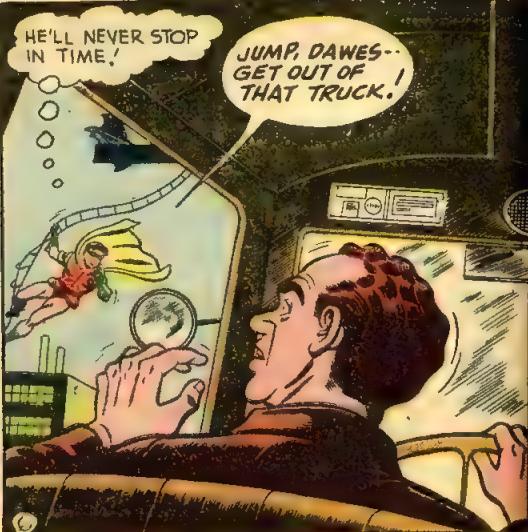
THERE'S THE LAB, BATMAN, AND LOOK! DAWES' TRUCK IS APPROACHING!

WE'VE GOT TO STOP HIM, BEFORE HE REACHES THOSE BUILDINGS! UNFURL THE ROPE-LADDER, ROBIN!



HE'LL NEVER STOP IN TIME!

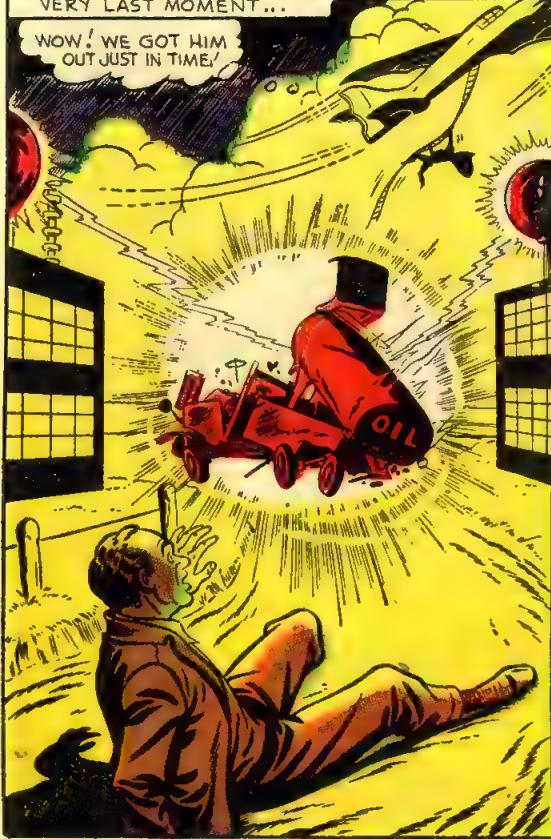
JUMP, DAWES--GET OUT OF THAT TRUCK!



BATMAN

AND AS THE BEWILDERED TRUCK DRIVER OBEYS AT THE
VERY LAST MOMENT...

WOW! WE GOT HIM
OUT JUST IN TIME!



LATER, AFTER MRS. WEAVER HAS TAKEN IT UPON HER-
SELF TO CALL COMMISSIONER GORDON...

TOM WON'T LISTEN TO ME!
HE THINKS HE'S SMARTER
THAN THE KILLER! HE'S OUT
BUYING PROVISIONS NOW--
HE'S GOING TO CAMP OUT
ON WILSON DESERT!

MAYBE HE'S SMART--
MAYBE HE ISN'T! I
THINK I BETTER TALK
TO HIM FIRST!



SHORTLY AFTERWARDS...

NO SIGN OF DOUG...
HE HAD PLENTY OF
TIME TO ESCAPE!

WELL, AT LEAST WE
FOOLED HIM! DAWES
IS SHAKEN UP--BUT
NOTHING SERIOUS.



BUT NEXT MORNING, ANOTHER DEATH
THREAT IS RECEIVED--BY TOM WEAVER,
THE MAN WHO ONCE DROWNED!

CALL THE POLICE, NO! I'LL DO BETTER THAN
TOM! GET PROTECTION!
THAT'S IMPOSED TO
DROWN AGAIN, RIGHT? HA-HA!
I'D LIKE TO SEE THAT
HAPPEN--ON WILSON
DESERT, WHERE THERE'S
NO WATER FOR 50
MILES!



BUT THEN...

EXCUSE ME, COM-
MISSIONER GORDON
CALLED, BATMAN.
HE WANTS YOU TO
RETURN
IMMEDIATELY.

TOO BAD! WE
HAVE TO GO, MRS.
WEAVER! TRY TO
PERSUADE YOUR
HUSBAND TO WAIT
FOR US TO RETURN!



LATER, WHEN BATMAN HAS FINISHED WITH GORDON AND VISITS THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR...

JUST AS I FEARED! THE DRIED-UP WATER HOLE AT PALM OASIS IN THE DESERT RECENTLY CAME TO LIFE! IT'S NOW FULL!

PALM OASIS! THAT'S WHERE WEAVER IS HEADED! I JUST CHECKED WITH MRS. WEAVER ON THE PHONE!



AND SOME TIME LATER, ON THE DESERT...

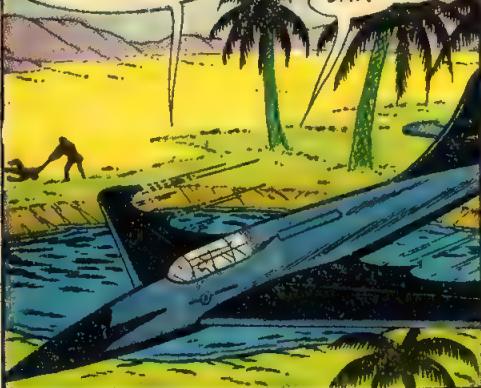
THE FOOL! HE WALKED RIGHT INTO MY TRAP! NOW TO Toss HIM INTO THE WATER-HOLE HE THOUGHT WAS DRY. HA-HA! AND THEN ESCAPE BY HELICOPTER!



JUST THEN!

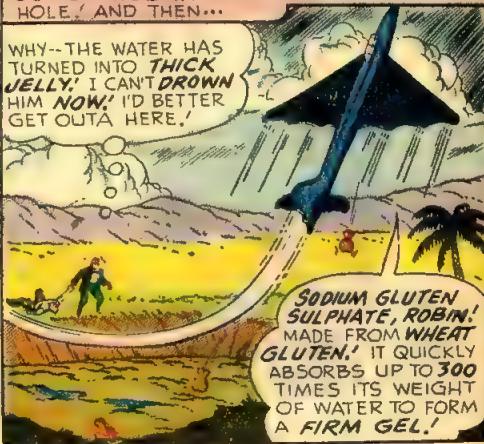
LOOK! BY THE TIME WE GET DOWN THERE, WEAVER WILL BE DROWNED!

QUICKLY, ROBIN! THOSE LARGE PAPER BAGS I STOWED ABOARD, SHOVE THEM INTO THE EMERGENCY BOMB-BAY!



A MOMENT LATER, A STRANGE BOMBING TAKES PLACE--AS HEAVY PAPER BAGS PLUMMET OUT OF THE BATPLANE INTO THE WATER-HOLE. AND THEN...

WHY--THE WATER HAS TURNED INTO THICK JELLY! I CAN'T DROWN HIM NOW! I'D BETTER GET OUTA HERE!



THEN A BAD BREAK, AS THE BATPLANE CONTROLS SUDDENLY GO DEAD!

SHORT-CIRCUIT! APPARENTLY CAUSED BY THE BOMB-BAY MECHANISM! WE'LL HAVE TO SET DOWN FOR REPAIRS.



TOUGH LUCK--HE'S ESCAPING! BUT IN HIS HURRY HE LEFT WEAVER--AND WE CAN BRING HIM BACK WITH US.

AND AS DAYS PASS, BATMAN AND ROBIN GRIMLY MATCH WITS WITH THE KILLER!

AH, BATMAN AND ROBIN! AND IN A DITHER! NEVER FEAR, GENTLEMEN--I SHAN'T BE POISONED! I EAT AND DRINK ONLY WHAT I MYSELF PREPARE. I'M VERY CAREFUL!

THE NEW EYE-GLASSES YOU ORDERED! WHERE ARE THEY?



Poison, all right! YOU WERE CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT YOU ATE OR DRANK--BUT YOU FORGOT YOUR HABIT OF ALWAYS CHEWING ON YOUR GLASSES!



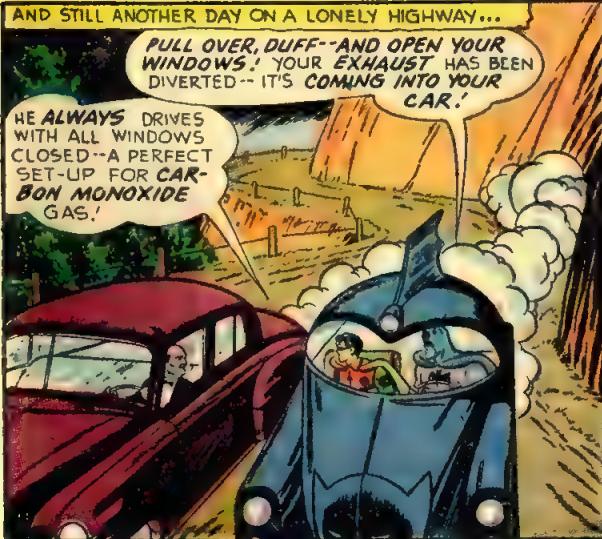
ANOTHER DAY, AT THE WATERFRONT...



AND STILL ANOTHER DAY ON A LONELY HIGHWAY...

PULL OVER, DUFF--AND OPEN YOUR WINDOWS! YOUR EXHAUST HAS BEEN DIVERTED--IT'S COMING INTO YOUR CAR!

HE ALWAYS DRIVES WITH ALL WINDOWS CLOSED--A PERFECT SET-UP FOR CAR-BON MONOXIDE GAS!



LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE...

HABITS! HABITS! THE KILLER KNOWS ALL THEIR HABITS TO A T.! AND HE'S CLEVER! VERY CLEVER!

THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE A DESCRIPTION OF LITTLE DOUGY! IT SOUNDS MORE LIKE ONE OF THE CLUB MEMBERS! BUT WHO?



I DON'T KNOW! BUT I KNOW WHAT WE'VE DONE IN THE PAST IN SIMILAR CASES. BRUCE WAYNE MUST JOIN THE CLUB--AND BAIT THE KILLER!

BUT... TO JOIN THIS CLUB, YOU HAVE TO DIE! BRUCE-- YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS!

I AM, DICK! THERE ARE TOO MANY LIVES AT STAKE. WE CAN'T GO ON SAVING THEM AT THE LAST SECOND FOREVER! I MUST JOIN THAT CLUB--WHATEVER THE RISK!



BATMAN



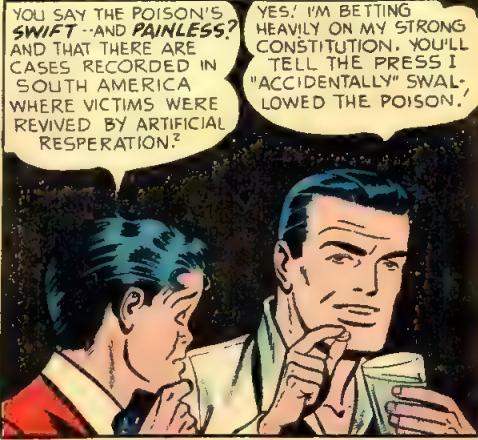
AND SO IT IS THAT THE MOST TERRIFYING UNDERTAKING IN THE HISTORY OF THE DARING DUO COMES TO PASS!

THE DOCTOR'S HERE -- HE'S TREATING ALFRED, OUR BUTLER...

GOOD! WE NEED HIM AS AN OFFICIAL WITNESS TO MY DEATH-- BUT HIS PRESENCE HERE MUST APPEAR CO-INCENTIAL!

YOU SAY THE POISON'S SWIFT - AND PAINLESS? AND THAT THERE ARE CASES RECORDED IN SOUTH AMERICA WHERE VICTIMS WERE REVIVED BY ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION?

YES, I'M BETTING HEAVILY ON MY STRONG CONSTITUTION. YOU'LL TELL THE PRESS I "ACCIDENTALLY" SWALLOWED THE POISON.



AND A MOMENT LATER, THE FEARFUL ACT IS DONE!

DOCTOR! COME QUICKLY! DOCTOR!

OH, BRUCE! BRUCE!



SHORTLY AFTER...

IT'S TOO LATE, SON-- BRUCE WAYNE IS DEAD!

HE'S DEAD! HE'S DEAD! WHAT IF I FAIL? WHY DID I LET HIM DO IT? OH, BRUCE--BRUCE!



AND AS DICK BENDS TO HIS TASK, WITH EVERY NERVE AND MUSCLE AT HIS COMMAND,

DOCTOR! I FELT HIM TWITCH! I FELT HIM TWITCH! HE MOVED! HE BREATHED! PLEASE LOOK!

PROBABLY NOTHING BUT AN AFTER-DEATH SPASM. BUT--IF YOU INSIST...



AN AGONIZING MOMENT AS THE DOCTOR HOLDS A MIRROR BEFORE BRUCE'S LIPS! AND THEN...

YOU'RE RIGHT! HE IS BREATHING! IT'S A MIRACLE! HERE--LET ME TAKE OVER! YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO FAINT!

IT WORKED! IT WORKED. THANK HEAVEN-- IT WORKED!



A FEW DAYS LATER, BRUCE IS UP AND AROUND--
AND READY TO TAKE HIS PLACE IN THE **DEATH-CHEATERS' CLUB...**

WELCOME TO OUR CLUB,
MR. WAYNE! I'M SURPRISED
YOU CARE TO JOIN US--THIS
ISN'T A VERY **HEALTHY**
PLACE TO BE!

OH, BUT I'M ANXIOUS TO
JOIN! YOU SEE--I THINK
I KNOW **WHO** THE KILLER
IS, NOT LITTLE DOUGY--
**BUT A MEMBER OF
THIS CLUB!** THE STORY'S
IN ALL THE PAPERS!

YOU MEAN--**ONE OF
US??** BUT THAT'S IM-
POSSIBLE! WHO--WHY?

AH, I MUST WAIT TO CON-
FIRM MY SUSPICIONS!
BUT IT SHOULDN'T TAKE
TOO LONG!



THEN THAT NIGHT AS BRUCE WAYNE UNCONCERN-
EDLY RELAXES IN A CANOE ON THE LAKE IN
GOTHAM PARK...

H-A-H-A! THE **SMART** MR.
WAYNE! I WON'T MISS WITH MY
Poison Darts AT THIS DISTANCE!
THIS TIME HE'LL **REALLY** DIE OF
POISON!



ALL AT ONCE, THE **DARING DUO** RACES INTO THE
SCENE, AS A WILD MELEE DEVELOPS!

HE FELL FOR IT! THE
BRUCE WAYNE **DUMMY**
FOOLED HIM.
POISONED DARTS, EH?
TAKE OFF THAT MASK! YOU'RE
NOT **LITTLE DOUGY**--AND
YOU KNOW IT!

WAIT FOR ME, **BATMAN**!
I WANT TO HAVE SOME
OF THE FUN!



BUT IN HIS EAGERNESS THE BOY WONDER OVER-
SHOOTS HIS MARK--CRASHING WITH A SICKENING
THUD INTO THE ROCKS THAT LINE THE SHORE.

ROBIN! HE'S KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS.
IF HE DROPS INTO THAT WATER, HE'LL
DROWN! I'VE GOT TO SAVE HIM!

THIS IS MY
CHANCE TO
ESCAPE!



LATER...

I REALLY
GUMMED THINGS UP...
BUT AT LEAST YOU DREW
BLOOD, **BATMAN**!
LOOK AT YOUR HAND--
IT'S COVERED WITH
IT."

THAT'S FUNNY!
I DIDN'T HIT HIM
THAT HARD--AND
LOOK--IT HASN'T
COAGULATED AT
ALL! HMM! THIS
ISN'T BLOOD, **ROBIN**--
BUT IF IT IS--IT'S A
CLUE THAT POINTS
RIGHT TO THE
KILLER!



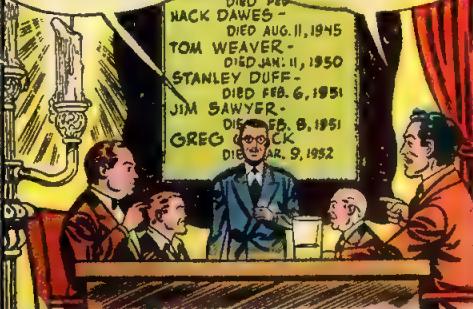
BATMAN



THE NEXT EVENING, AFTER **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**
HAVE FINISHED AN INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION...

WAYNE PHONED! HE SAID
WE SHOULD WAIT HERE --
BATMAN'S COMING OVER
TO PUT THE FINGER ON
THE KILLER!

IT'S A RUSE, ME LADS!/
THEY WANT ONE OF
US TO MAKE A BREAK
--AND GIVE HIMSELF
AWAY!

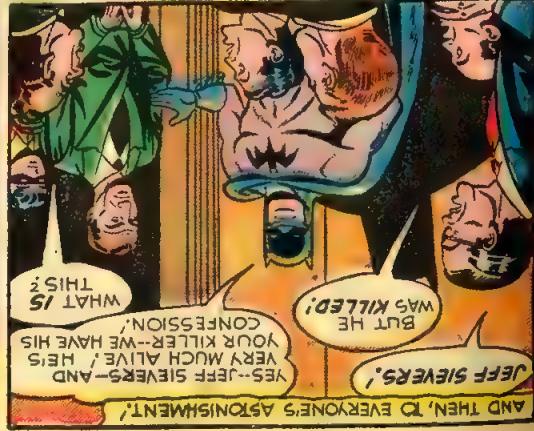
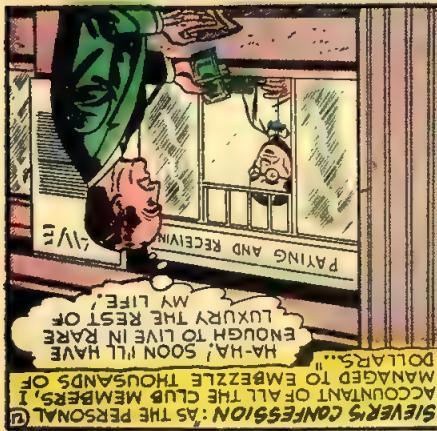
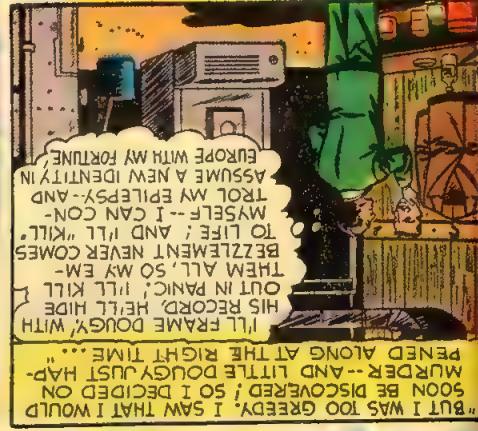


SHORTLY AFTERWARDS...

BATMAN - FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE!
WHICH ONE IS IT?? LET'S GET IT
OVER WITH...

ALL RIGHT,
ROBIN--WE'RE
READY!

HAVE YOU SPOTTED THE KILLER? TEST YOUR
WITS -- BEFORE TURNING THE PAGE UPSIDE-
DOWN FOR THE STORY'S CONCLUSION!



AND THEN, TO EVERYONE'S ASTONISHMENT!

JEFF SIEVERS!

BUT HE
WAS KILLED!

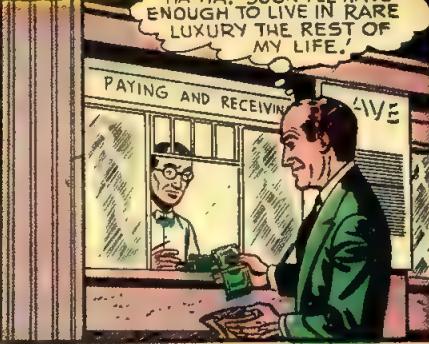
YES--JEFF SIEVERS--AND
VERY MUCH ALIVE! HE'S
YOUR KILLER--WE HAVE HIS
CONFESSION!

WHAT IS
THIS?

SIEVER'S CONFESSION: AS THE PERSONAL ACCOUNTANT OF ALL THE CLUB MEMBERS, I MANAGED TO EMBEZZLE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS...

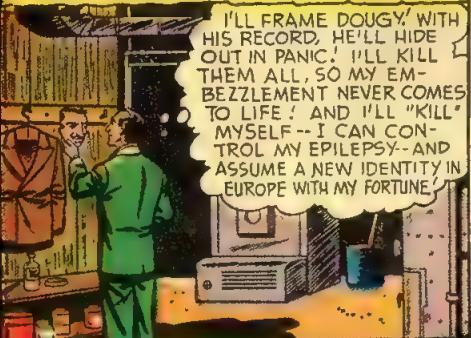
HA-HA! SOON I'LL HAVE ENOUGH TO LIVE IN RARE LUXURY THE REST OF MY LIFE!

PAYING AND RECEIVING



"BUT I WAS TOO GREEDY. I SAW THAT I WOULD SOON BE DISCOVERED! SO I DECIDED ON MURDER--AND LITTLE DOUGY JUST HAPPENED ALONG AT THE RIGHT TIME..."

I'LL FRAME DOUGY WITH HIS RECORD, HE'LL HIDE OUT IN PANIC! I'LL KILL THEM ALL, SO MY EMBEZZLEMENT NEVER COMES TO LIFE! AND I'LL "KILL" MYSELF--I CAN CONTROL MY EPILEPSY--AND ASSUME A NEW IDENTITY IN EUROPE WITH MY FORTUNE!"



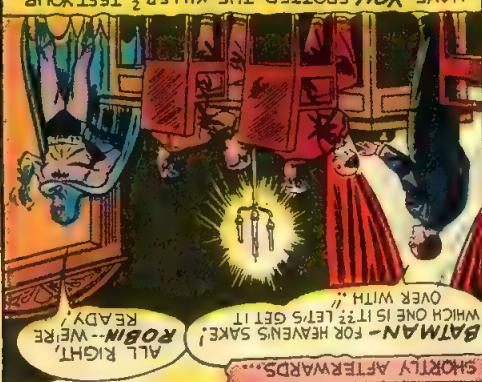
LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

AN ACCOUNTANT, WHO ENDED UP IN **THE RED**, COMMISSIONER, DURING A SCUFFLE, HIS PEN LEAKED **RED INK** ALL OVER MY HAND. THAT'S WHAT GAVE HIM AWAY!

FEW PEOPLE USE **RED INK**--BUT ACCOUNTANTS **ALWAYS DO**! WHEN WE KNEW THAT, WE WENT TO SIEVER'S BOARDED-UP HOME AND FOUND HIS CELLAR HIDEOUT! NOW LET'S SEE HIM TRY TO CHEAT DEATH--IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!



HAVE YOU SPOTTED THE KILLER? TEST YOUR
WITS--BEFORE TURNING THE PAGE UPSIDE-



BATMAN

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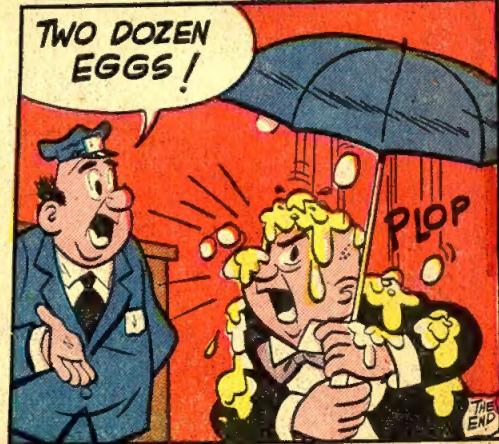
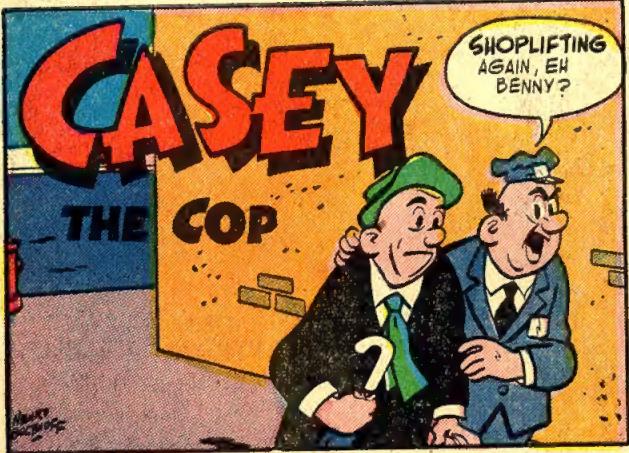
WE ALL KNOW THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS THE SUPERNATURAL... WE KNOW THERE'S ALWAYS A LOGICAL EXPLANATION FOR WHAT SEEMS TO BE WEIRD AND GLOOMY AND UNEXPLAINABLE



BUT IT'S FUN TO SEARCH THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS DARK TUNNELS OF THESE EXCITING STORIES IN SEARCH OF THE TRUTH!



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Everywhere! YOU'RE SURE TO ENJOY THEM!



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MAKE HIM
TALK!

LOOK! A REAL
WATCH TOO!

HIM STOP 4 WIGWAMS-SQUAWS
GIVE-UM MUCH WAMPUM-

I'LL BUY 2 BOXES OF WHITE
CLOVERINE BRAND SALVE, SPIKE!
IT'S WONDERFUL...AND THESE
ART PICTURES YOU

THANKS, MRS.
JONES! THAT MAKES
10 BOXES I'VE
SOLD THIS MORNING.
IT'S EASY!

UGH!
PALE
SQUAW
GIVE-UM
WAMPUM!

MAIL COUPON!

YOU
GET
BIG
CATALOG



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57th YEAR
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